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- 1. U.S. Patent No. 5,569,435 issued October 29, 1996 to Fusco et al.
- 2. U.S. Patent No. 4,502,947 issued March 5, 1985 to Haddad et al.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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